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NOTE FOR : Mr. Bush
SUBJECT : USIB Executive Session

We have been advised that General Tighe will comment briefly in tomorrow's executive session on the need for responsible community relationships, i. e. particularly in regard to the obligation of individual agencies to fully and accurately reflect in their reports the contributions and responsibilities of other agencies. He is apparently prepared to cite some documents, both official and unofficial, which have reflected inaccurate or incomplete information on DIA.

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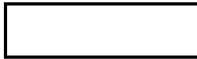
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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Draft Minutes of the 10 February 1976
Intelligence Board Meeting

1. The attached draft minutes of the 10 February Intelligence Board meeting are submitted herewith for USIB consideration.

USIB ACTION REQUESTED

2. Board members are requested to advise the Secretariat by close of business 23 February 1976 of their approval or other views on the attached minutes.

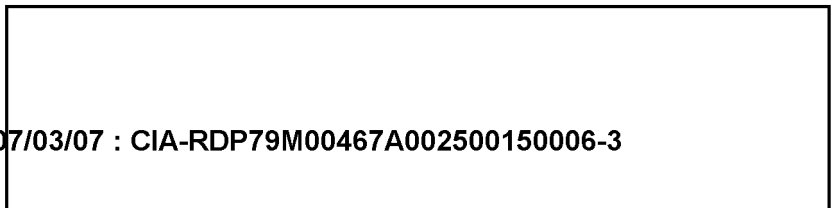


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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of
Seven-hundred-fifteenth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
DCI Conference Room (7D64)
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1400 hours, 10 February 1976

Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. George Bush
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, USA, Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence
Mr. Harold H. Saunders, Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Lieutenant General Eugene F. Tighe, Jr., USAF, Acting Director, Defense
Intelligence Agency
Lieutenant General Lew Allen, Jr., USAF, Director, National Security
Agency
Mr. William N. Morell, Jr., Department of Treasury Representative
to USIB
Major General Edward B. Giller, USAF, (Ret.), Energy Research
and Development Administration Representative to USIB
Mr. William O. Cregar, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
Representative to USIB

SERVICE OBSERVERS PRESENT

Brigadier General John A. Smith, USA, Acting for Assistant Chief
of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral James R. Sagerholm, USN, Acting Director of
Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General George J. Keegan, Jr., USAF, Assistant Chief of
Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force

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USIB MINUTES OF
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FOR YOUR REMARKS.

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Mr. Bush opened the meeting with a few introductory comments to mark his first meeting as Chairman.

He said that he was not sure what would emerge from the White House regarding the organization of the intelligence community. He noted that, while he had a lot to learn, he was fully aware that the DCI's responsibilities regarding the intelligence community were terribly important. He recognized that there will always be some institutional competition and that such competition could be good on substantive intelligence issues. On other issues he hoped to serve a useful role in ameliorating differences through personal contact with the USIB Principals. Mr. Bush said that he believed any reorganization would still preserve the role of the DCI as envisioned in the 1947 statute; particularly his responsibility to provide the President and the National Security Council unbiased and objective intelligence.

Mr. Bush pointed out that at his swearing-in ceremony the President had reaffirmed the requirement that the DCI have personal access to the President on a regular basis. This has been formalized to the extent that he will have regular meetings with the President on Friday mornings. He said that this afforded an opportunity for the USIB Principals to communicate to the President through Mr. Bush if they had specific items which warranted such attention. In addition, Mr. Bush said that he would be included in meetings between the President and the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense on certain subjects. While stressing that he intended to stay out of policy matters, he thought that these procedures would provide enhanced access for the intelligence community at the highest levels of government.

Mr. Bush introduced Mr. [] as his [] for substantive matters, noting also that he would continue to rely on the IC Staff for the majority of community-related matters.

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Mr. Bush also introduced Ms. [] to handle other matters for him such as scheduling, etc. [] will be available to assist any USIB Principal who wants to meet with or contact him.

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THIS WILL BE AMENDED BY THE
USIB SECRETARY TO READ:

"RAISE TOPICS WITH MR. BUSH THAT
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE
PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION." OR SOME
SUCH PHRASE THAT DOES NOT IMPLY
THE USIB PRINCIPALS ARE BEING
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2. Discussion of Strategic Warning
Staff Monthly Report
(MR-1-76, 22 January 1976;
TCS#889468/76)

Mr. Knoche said that USIB was being asked to note the 27 January issue of the Strategic Warning Staff Monthly Report. He commented that this report was most relevant to the Strategic Warning Staff mission. With regard to reporting on Korea, he suggested that it would be valuable for the Strategic Warning Staff to be aware of "blue forces" information as it sometimes may help explain the military activities of the North Koreans. Mr. Knoche also reported that several favorable comments had been received on the bibliography.

In addition to the Monthly, Mr. Knoche said that the Strategic Warning Staff had issued a special report [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The conclusions were reprinted in the National Intelligence Daily and the National Intelligence Bulletin. Mr. Knoche encouraged this type of activity by the Strategic Warning Staff.

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3. Implications of the 1975 Soviet
Harvest
(SNIE 11-6-76)

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[REDACTED] the NIO for USSR and East Europe, introduced this subject noting that the SNIE had been prepared in response to a request from the NSC Staff. He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the USIB Representatives.

In considering the SNIE the Board addressed several changes proposed by Treasury and State. During the discussion, General Keegan suggested that a chart be developed depicting the internal and external use of Soviet grains.

The SNIE was approved as amended. It was agreed that if time permitted, the aforementioned chart be included in the SNIE; otherwise it and, possibly, additional supporting information will be issued at a later date in the form of a Memorandum to Holders of SNIE 11-6-76.

No member raised objection to the release of the subject SNIE to USIA.

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The chairman convened the Board in executive session at 1512 hours to discuss several items including the following:

4. National Intelligence Distinguished
Service Medal

The Board approved the awarding of the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal to Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson, USA, for his outstanding service to the Intelligence Community.

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Executive Secretary

Adjournment: 1540 hours

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. Approval of Minutes

a. USIB-M-711, 8 January 1976

All USIB members on 30 January telephonically approved the subject minutes.

b. USIB-M-712, 15 January 1976

On 29 January all USIB members had telephonically approved the subject minutes. The Acting DIA Member concurred subject to the deletion of "in DIA" on page 6, line 8. The NSA Member concurred subject to changes in the first paragraph on page 5. Revised pages five and six incorporating these changes are being circulated in a Memorandum for Holders-1 of USIB-M-712, 29 January 1976.

c. USIB-M-713, 16 January 1976

As of 29 January all USIB members had telephonically approved the subject minutes.

d. USIB-M-714, 23 January 1976

On 9 February all USIB members concurred in the subject minutes. The Acting Director, DIA, concurred with an addition to the end of paragraph one of Item two. A revised page 4, reflecting this addition and revised pages 6, 7 and 9, which reflect editorial changes, were circulated as a Memorandum for Holders of USIB-M-714, 10 February 1976.

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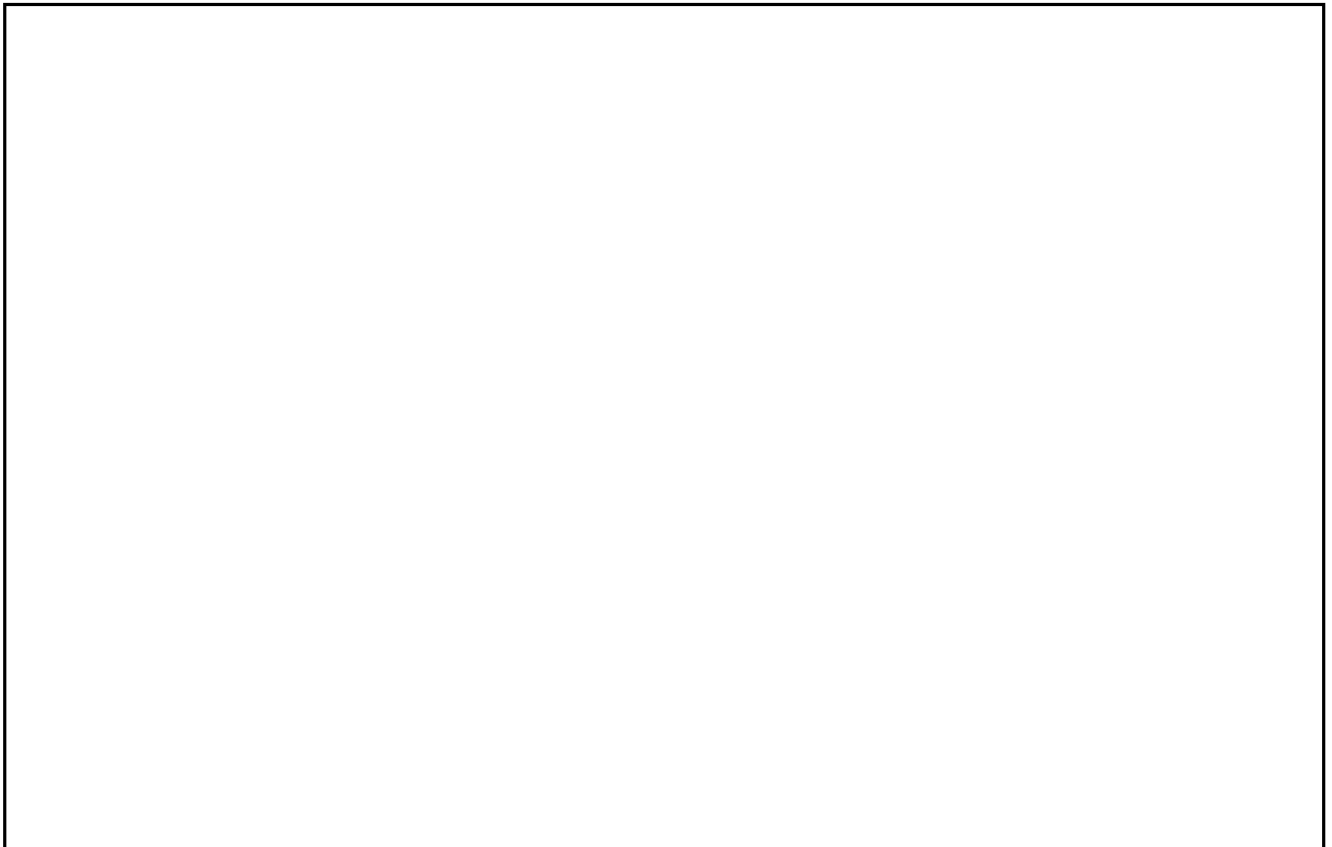
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2. USIB-S-29.1/36, 7 January 1976
(Limited distribution through
special channels)

On 24 January all USIB members telephonically concurred in the NSA proposal contained in the subject memorandum. The Office of the Director, NSA, has been advised of this Board action.

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To: DCI

Subject: USIB Meeting: Thurs 19 Feb at 2:00

New Developments:

ITEM 1: (Committee on Exchanges (COMEX) Paper)

Major Gen. Keegan, speaking for Air Force, probably will state that paper is very general, has misleading statements, and needs more work.

This position will be taken because Air Force fear loss of US technology to Soviets - as apparently occurred re American wide-bodied aircraft technology last year. Air Force believes more resources should be devoted to monitoring and controlling US/Soviet exchanges: Keegan may suggest that DCI should bring problem to the attention of the NSC, SecState, and/or the President.

Some would agree that monitoring and control could be improved if State had one office concerned with exchanges instead of the five or six as at present. Such centralization might be helpful.

Air Force also is upset because the NSC Undersecretaries Committee has produced a paper which concludes that everything is fine re US/Soviet exchanges.

ITEM 2: (Soviet Activities in Indian Ocean)

Nothing new; still believed that paper's recommendations will be uncontested.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

General Tighe of DIA intends to request an Executive Session - apparently to note that USIB agencies should not make recommendations about another Agency's equities without discussing subject with Agency concerned. He may have in mind a State memo downplaying importance of Defense attache system.

DCI Executive Session:

After Gen. Tighe's remarks - if he makes them - you may want to discuss the implications of the Executive Order along the lines you pursued at the pre-USIB. In order to avoid encouraging the principals from speculating about what it all means, you may wish to solicit their reactions in written form to Gen. Wilson, to be submitted in a week or ten days, which then would be circulated by the IC Staff. Then perhaps in two weeks, a USIB meeting could be called to discuss these reactions/recommendations.

The above approach would serve to cut down comment and permit you to get away for your CFI meeting at 3:30.